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SUBJECT: CCD - BELGIAN DELEGATE'S COURTESY CALL ON US
REPRESENTATIVE

1. SUMMARY: BELGIAN MISOFF (VAN DQYSE-ADAM) PAID COURTESY
CALL ON US REP TO CCD (MEYERS) AFTERNOON OF FEB 18. IN
COURSE OF DISCUSSION, BELGIAN MISOFF DISCUSSED SEVERAL
ISSUES INCLUDING COMPOSITION OF BELGIAN DELEGATION TO
UN SPECIAL SESSION ON DISARMAMENT, PARTICIPATION IN CCD
INFORMAL MEETINGS ON CHEMICAL WEAPONS; EXPANSION OF CCD;
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AND INDICATED BELGIAN INTEREST IN PRESSING REGIONAL
DISARMAMENT PROPOSAL WITH EC-NINE. END SUMMARY

2. MISOFF SAID HE LOOKED FORWARD TOO CONTINUING RELATIONSHIP
WITH US DELEGATION TO CCD, PARTICULARLY IN LIGHT OF INCREASED
BELGIAN INTEREST IN AREA OF DISARMAMENT. SAID BELGIUM IS
ANTICIPATING PRESIDENCY OF EC-NINE AND THAT THEY HOPE TO

ACCOMPLISH EC-NINE SPONSORSHIP OF BELGIAN PROPOSAL ON REGIONAL DISARMAMENT. IT IS UNCLEAR WHETHER THIS IS A NEW INITIATIVE OR ALONG LINES OF PROPOSAL BELGIANS UNSUCCESSFULLY FLOATED AT UNGA IN 1976.

3. BELGIN MISOFF EXPRESSED CONCERN THAT THE NATO ALLIES WERE NOT BEING KEPT INFORMED ADEQUATELY ON US ARMS CONTROL POLICY, AND CITED NEW ADMINISTRATION STATEMENT ON SALT, CONVENTIONAL ARMS TRANSFERS, CTB AS CONTAINING UNCLEAR ELEMENTS. US REP REPLIED THAT MOST OF THE HIGH PRIORITY ARMS CONTROL ISSUES ARE CURRENTLY UNDER EXTENSIVE REVIEW IN WASHINGTON AND THAT WE WILL BE KEEPING OUR ALLIES INFORMED AS THESE STUDIES ARE COMPLETED. TURNING CONVERSATION TO CCD. BELGIAN MISOFF ASKED US REP IF HE THOUGHT IT POSSIBLE CCD MIGHT EXPAND ITS MEMBERSHIP. US REP OBSERVED US WAS ALWAYS OPEN TO OTHERS' VIEWS ON PROCEDURES AND ORGANIZATION, BUT THAT PRACTICAL ORGANIZATION, FLEXIBLE PROCEDURES, BALANCE OF MEMBERSHIP, AND CONSENSUS CONCEPT MADE PRESENT FORM OF CCD PARTICULARLY VALUABLE. MISOFF ASKED IF WE DID NOT THINK EXPANDING MEMBERSHIP WOULD SUCCEED IN DIMINISHING DEGREE OF INFLUENCE OF COUNTRIES SUCH AS MEXICO. US REP SAID IT WAS INTERESTING THOUGHT, BUT NOTED THERE WERE DIFFICULTIES IN CONSTRAINING EITHER MEMBERSHIP OR PROCEDURES, ONCE OPENED, IN VIEW OF MULTIPLE INTERESTS INVOLVED. BELGIAN MISOFF THEN ASKED IF NON-MEMBERS OF CCD WERE GOING TO BE ALLOWED TO PARTICIPATE IN CW INFORMALS AND CITED INCLUSION OF NON-CCD MEMBERS IN 1976 MEETINGS OF SEISMIC EXPERTS GROUP AS PRECEDENT. US REP OBSERVED DETAILS OF INFORMAL MEETINGS ON CHEMICAL WEAPONS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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HAD NOT YET BEEN DECIDED, BUT CITED FACT INTERESTED OBSERVERS SUCH AS BELGIANS, WERE IN FACT PARTICIPATING IN SEISMIC EXPERTS GROUP, EVEN THOUGH NOT CCD MEMBERS.

4. MISOFF SAID BELGIAN DELEGATION TO UN SPECIAL SESSION ON DISARMAMENT WOULD INCLUDE DELEGATES FROM THE NETHERLANDS AS WELL AS BELGIUM. HE ASKED IF THIS BILATERAL COMPOSITION WOULD CAUSE DIFFICULTIES FOR US. US REP SAID HE DID NOT KNOW.

5. COMMENT: DURING COURSE OF CCD, US DEL WILL BE MEETING WITH BELGIANS AND OTHER ALLIES WHO ARE NOT MEMBERS OF CCD ON A TWICE WEEKLY BASIS, TO KEEP THEM INFORMED ON SESSION. CATTO

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